

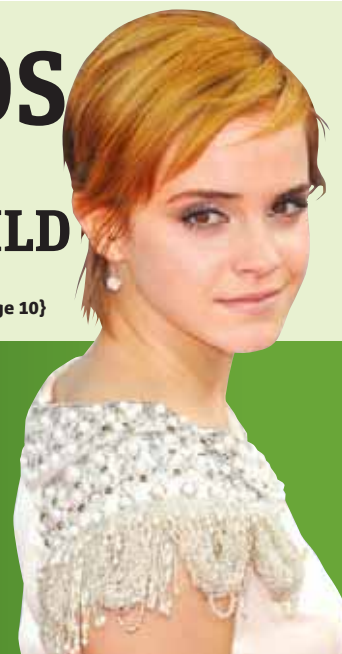


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► The Duchess of Cambridge talks with a woman during a ball-hockey event in Yellowknife yesterday. More coverage, page 6.

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Kate tries hand at hockey

Residents fear 'turbine hell'

- Staff will come back to council next month with their supplemental report on the proposed wind-turbine bylaw
- Council is now off for a three-week summer break



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Rural HRM residents, several of whom said they felt like second-class citizens, showed up en masse at city hall last night as Halifax regional council held a public hearing on a proposed wind-turbine bylaw.

The bylaw would allow turbines in industrial and rural areas under certain rules.

"There's clearly a double standard here," said Jeddore resident Heather Doyle. She said rural residents will be the ones to pay the price of meeting wind-energy quotas.

Several residents of Jeddore spoke out against a proposed wind farm in their area. They urged council to extend the setback distance from adjacent properties in the proposed bylaw from 550



"Let's get the right answers." COUN. SUE UTECK

metres to 2,000 metres to protect them from noise and possible mechanical failure. They also wanted council to stop any wind-farm applications until the bylaw is finished.

Gordy Milton said the proposed bylaw protects only urban residents.

"You send us to turbine hell in a handbasket," he said.

On the other hand, industry

representatives said the 550-metre setback is standard.

"A 550-metre setback from residences is reasonable and responsible," said Paul Pynn with EON WindElectric.

He said he spoke with a resident who lives about 550 metres from a recently installed turbine near Sheet Harbour and he reported no annoyances.

Pynn also warned that if council extends the setback, further development of community-based wind projects will be difficult, if not impossible, to get off the ground.

Council voted to send the matter back to staff for a supplemental report on concerns raised at the public hearing by residents and councillors.

"I think we had this about 75 per cent correct," said Coun. Barry Dalrymple. "We still have some work to do."

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HMCS Charlottetown winding down mission

► Will take 15 to 16 days to sail home once given permission to leave ► NATO mission has three parts: Arms embargo, a no-fly zone and civilian protection

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► HMCS Charlottetown boarding-party members are seen in transit back to the warship after searching a vessel in the Mediterranean Sea during OP Mobile in this photo taken on June 25.

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Life is slowly returning to normal in Misrata, Libya.

Halifax-based HMCS Charlottetown has boarded three vessels in the past two weeks in a bid to enforce the UN arms embargo. Previously, boardings had been rare.

"The big thing about those boardings that we're starting to notice (is) it's starting to return to what could be considered normal. We're seeing commercial traffic come in, though

rare," said HMCS Charlottetown Cmdr. Craig Skjerpen.

"One of the vessels we boarded had quite a bit of food on board, diapers, that kind of thing. They also had supplies for rebuilding."

Misrata was heavily damaged and only a few months ago the port city was being shelled daily. Skjerpen said the Charlottetown is seeing the positive effects of NATO's efforts.

"In this case, it's created the ability for citizens themselves to push those front lines far enough that vessels can almost enter that port unfettered."

It's welcome news to the crew of the Charlottetown as they prepare to wind down their mission. It was announced last week Esquimalt-based HMCS Vancouver will relieve the Charlottetown. No specific date has been set for its return, but a full six-month deployment would mean it would be early September.

Already the Charlottetown is helping the Vancouver get up to speed on the mission, Skjerpen said.

"We're in contact with the ship all the time and a lot of people on board are sending their equivalents

"What you have is the positive effect NATO has had in conducting the embargo, enforcing the no-fly zone and carrying out action to protect civilians."

HMCS CHARLOTTETOWN CMDR. CRAIG SKJERPEN

on Vancouver all the information we have to help them prepare."

The two ships will meet in the Mediterranean before the Charlottetown is dismissed.

Ship's return racing due date

There's a bet on board the HMCS Charlottetown: Just when Lt.-Cmdr. Matthew Coates' baby will be born.

Usually, expectant dads are granted leave to fly home to see their new babies, but this particular due date is too close to the expected return date of the ship in Halifax. Coates will have to wait until the Charlottetown sails into Halifax Harbour.

"I can't say the (due) date because there's betting on board," said HMCS Charlottetown Cmdr. Craig Skjerpen.

"His wife is incredibly supportive of the mission and understands what we're doing, and that's no different from all the families who continue to support us so well."

Back in March, crew members were given 48 hours to get ready for the mission to Libya, and now it's reaching the four-month mark.

"We still have very strong support from the families, even though some people would consider this is when it can start to tire, now that the kids are out of school," Skjerpen said.

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Halifax scores big bucks at Canada Games

- More than 11,500 people came to town for the two-week competition
- The event broke several attendance records, Canada Games chair says



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► Members of the New Brunswick speedskating team power their way around the Canada Games Oval in February.

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The Canada Games are long over, but there were still medals to be handed out yesterday.

Jean-Paul Deveau, the Games chairman, passed around swag — which included a set of medals — to Halifax regional councillors during a council meeting.

He came bearing other gifts, too.

Games organizers had planned to sell three

chillers used at the oval for \$300,000, but decided to give them to the municipality instead because the oval was made permanent. In return, HRM has promised training time for athletes and annual Canada Games Days in commemoration of the event.

But perhaps Deveau's biggest gift was his report that the Canada Games generated \$131 million in the province, with \$92 million of that in HRM. More than \$21 million was raised in tax revenue, \$1.2 million of that in HRM alone.

In the money

Taxes generated from the Canada Games:

- **Federal government:** \$10.5 million
- **Province:** \$10 million
- **HRM:** \$1.2 million

At the end of the Games, volunteers expressed eagerness to host another big event in HRM, Deveau told council.

"We leave to you a gift

and that gift is a community who wants to do bigger and better things," he said.

He added that the Games finished with a surplus of \$200,000, which will be directed to a legacy fund.

Deveau concluded by saying the Games were one of the most remarkable things he's done. Council thanked him with a standing ovation.

"Your team was strong and you did a tremendous job," said Mayor Peter Kelly. "We'll probably be calling on you again."

Councillors wage war of words

An exchange between two councillors exploded into a shouting match at a meeting of regional council yesterday.

Coun. Dawn Sloane was discussing street sweepers when she suddenly yelled at Coun. Bill Karsten for whispering. She accused him of whispering particularly when female councillors are speaking.

Karsten was outraged. "I'm 61 years of age and I have never had a disrespect

for women," he thundered in reply, demanding an apology.

Sloane refused. "I'm not going to apologize because he does it constantly," she said. "It's not just me. It's other individuals."

Karsten said it's not up to Sloane to chastise him, and he vowed to get an apology by the end of the day.

Both councillors agreed to discuss the matter in Mayor Peter Kelly's office.

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► Karsten



► Sloane

CRIME

Help sought in shootings

Halifax Regional Police are looking for the public's help in investigating two shootings in two days.

The first occurred in Clayton Park early Monday morning. Police say a tenant in an apartment building on Knightsbridge Drive reported hearing a loud

bang just after midnight. In the morning, a family member found a bullet hole in the ceiling and called police, who searched the apartment above and seized three firearms, two bullet-proof vests, a Taser and a pellet gun. The apartment was vacant.

The second shooting occurred yesterday in Dartmouth. Police were called to a Brule Street apartment building and found a bullet hole in the lobby floor. Police say they don't believe the shootings are connected. ● ALEX BOUTILIER

Premier unveils new ambulance

Nova Scotia Premier Darrell Dexter was in Cape Breton yesterday to unveil the province's first two-stretcher ambulance.

Dexter says the vehicle will be used to transfer non-emergency patients between the Cape Breton region and Halifax.

The ambulance was manufactured by TriStar Industries in Yarmouth.

The premier also named a new nurse practitioner for the Cape Breton District Health Authority.

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Funding policy to be adjusted

Nova Scotia's Community Services Department will adjust a policy proposal on medical funding for people with disabilities after critics said the government was looking to take money from the province's most vulnerable.

The policy — which covers financial eligibility and funding rates for medical needs, clothing and travel — was to be implemented July 1. But the department said it was pulled back and placed under review after feedback from staff.

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Council feathers ruffled over urban chickens

Some Halifax regional councillors see a motion on pilot projects as a way to get "chickens in the back door."

At council yesterday, Coun. Dawn Sloane asked for a staff report on amending the HRM charter to make it easier to introduce pilot projects. Although she conceded that the idea for the report started at a council debate on urban chickens, she said the dis-



► Are councillors hatching a plot to allow chickens?

cussion grew to include other pilot projects.

But Coun. Gloria McCluskey would have none of it. "It's a way to get the chickens in the back door, and I'm not supporting it," she said.

Councillors Mary Wile and Russell Walker agreed with McCluskey.

But Coun. Jennifer Watts said, "Relax. It's not." Watts and Sloane said the issue of pilot projects is larger than chickens and will give community councils more re-

Pilot vote

- Council voted 15-8 to request a staff report on pilot projects.

sponsibilities.

"So which came first, the chickens or the pilots?" joked Coun. Tim Outhit.

He said he didn't have a problem granting a pilot project on urban chickens anyway. ● JENNIFER TAPLIN

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Local rally for blocked Gaza aid ship

► Event organized by community groups, including Canadians, Arabs and Jews for a Just Peace, and Independent Jewish Voices



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About 40 people gathered on the Halifax waterfront yesterday to rally in support of a Canadian ship attempting to breach the blockade of Gaza.

The Tahrir, which has at least 30 Canadians on board, is part of the Freedom Flotilla 2, an international attempt to deliver humanitarian aid to Gaza.

The ship was attempting to slip past Israel's sea blockade of Gaza late Monday night, departing from the Greek island of Crete. The Greek Coast Guard boarded the vessel 15 minutes into the journey.

Halifax activist and journalist Miles Howe, who has been documenting his experience on The Tahrir for the Halifax Media Co-op, spoke to the crowd via Skype.

"It's been a really hectic and intense few days,"

"These are people who are risking their lives and their safety to bring medical and other humanitarian aid and, much more importantly, the hope of freedom from military occupation."

LINDA SCHERZINGER, WITH
CANADIANS, ARABS AND JEWS FOR A
JUST PEACE

Howe told the crowd.

Howe described an incident where two activists in kayaks attempted to prevent a Greek coast guard ship from stopping The Tahrir's departure. Both were arrested but later released. Howe said he did not know if The Tahrir was able to make another attempt at running the blockade, after it suffered damage in the incident.



► Scott Barber holds a sign at a rally yesterday in front of Purdy's Wharf in support of the Canadian ship Tahrir and other boats taking part in the Gaza flotilla.

NDP appeals to Israel

Canada's new official Opposition appealed directly to Israel not to harm a boatload of Canadian pro-

testers determined to break the Gaza Strip blockade.

NDP Leader Jack Layton and foreign affairs critic Paul Dewar delivered that plea directly to Israel's ambassador to Canada, Miriam Ziv, in a meeting at the opposition leader's

office in early June.

They were trying to prevent a repeat of last year's tragedy when nine activists taking part in a similar flotilla on a Turkish boat were killed in a raid by Israeli commandos.

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Charges laid in axe attack

Police say two adult males will appear in Halifax provincial court today facing several charges after a brazen attack in the city's downtown yesterday.

Halifax Regional Police were called to the vicinity of Duke and Barrington streets at about 1:20 p.m.

"We received a call about a man being struck in the head with an axe," said police spokeswoman Theresa Rath.

"When we arrived, we did find the injured man. He was transported to hospital with what are believed to be non-life-threatening injuries."

Rath said two men were arrested nearby and taken in for questioning and that last night each was charged with robbery, assault causing bodily harm and assault with a weapon. The axe had not been recovered by late yesterday, Rath said.

● ALEX BOUTILIER

Public service pension plan posts surplus

Once mired in debt, the pension plan for Nova Scotia government workers is now fully funded, according to a new report.

Figures for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011, show the plan now has a \$10.6-million surplus, its latest annual report says.

As late as December 2009, the fund had a \$1.5-billion deficit.

Finance Minister Graham Steele, in a letter dat-

ed June 30, attributed the improvement to the government's decision to make changes to the Public Service Superannuation Act and improved investment performance.

The pension fund achieved a return on investments of 11.1 per cent in the most recent fiscal year.

In the spring 2010 budget, Steele said the government would borrow \$536 million to bolster the plan,



► Graham Steele

which he described as unsustainable.

He also phased out cost-of-living increases for public servants and adjusted the retirement age for future hires.

Steele said yesterday without the changes the plan would have remained in debt, based on market performance alone.

"The plan is now a healthy plan and that's good for everybody, not just the members of the

Response

► Steve MacDonald, president of the Nova Scotia Government Retired Employees Association, said although the financial news in the report was good, the government

changes were unnecessary.

► He said retirees are now feeling the pain of a decision to fix indexing at 1.25 per cent per year on pensions that average around \$17,300 annually.

plan but also for taxpayers," Steele said. "By far the largest part of the improvement was the result of the changes that we made last year."

However, Conservative Leader Jamie Baillie said the plan has returned to health on the backs of taxpayers and retirees.

● ALEX BOUTILIER

Murder case moved over safety concerns

A Nova Scotia man accused of second-degree murder in the death of a 47-year-old woman will have a preliminary hearing in Bridgewater. The judge

hearing the case has decided against having the hearing in Liverpool — the woman's hometown — because of security concerns.

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Matthew Good sets Halifax date

Matthew Good tickets for an Oct. 13 show go on sale Friday at 10 a.m.

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► Matthew Good

Once-a-week cart pickup's back

Green-cart pickup will once again be a weekly service for many areas of HRM this summer.

The service will run un-

til the end of August, at which point it returns to being once every two weeks.

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Paying tribute to a fallen officer

► Const. Garrett Styles remembered as courageous, compassionate
► Premier, York police chief among those who spoke at funeral service

The wife of fallen police officer Const. Garrett Styles told his funeral service yesterday she's "in pieces" after losing her first and only love.

Melissa Styles remained remarkably composed as she read a letter to her late husband during the service for the York Region officer, who died last week after being dragged and pinned under a minivan he had pulled over.

"We always told each other 'I love you to bits and pieces,' and that has never been more true," she said. "Right now I am in pieces, but I will put myself back together for our children because I know that was what you would want me to do."

After finishing the letter, which took her about two minutes to read, Melissa Styles received a standing ovation from the mourners who packed the

Teen charged

A 15-year-old boy faces first-degree murder charges in Styles' death.

- The teen charged in Styles' death, who was badly hurt in the incident, is slated to make his first court appearance tomorrow.
- If convicted, the boy could face a maximum sentence of life behind bars with no possibility of parole for 10 years.

2,960-seat arena north of Toronto. Hundreds of people watching on a massive screen outside wiped away tears as they listened to Styles' widow.

The couple's 10-week-old son Nolan was cradled by a family member in the audience while two-year-old daughter Meredith also attended the ceremony.

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► York Regional Police accompanied by Toronto-area police, OPP, and fire and emergency medical service workers line Yonge Street in Newmarket, Ont., during the funeral procession for Const. Garrett Styles yesterday. Styles died in the line of duty on June 28 in the town of East Gwillimbury.

Royals praise 'humanity' of Canada's North

Thousands of onlookers cheered enthusiastically as Prince William paid tribute to the great beauty of Canada's North yesterday.

"It's great to be north of 60," William said as his wife Kate sat beside him on a stage built on the shore of Yellowknife's Frame Lake. The reference was to the line of latitude marking the southern boundary of the Northwest Territories.

"This place is what Canada is all about — vast, open

beauty, tough, resilient, friendly peoples, true nature, true humanity," the prince said as the lake rippled in the background.

Speaking in English with a smattering of French, he told the crowd that he and his wife had only been in the North for a short time — they arrived Monday evening — but had already developed an appreciation for the region.

"We've already sensed the extraordinary potential



► The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge receive Team Canada jerseys after taking part in ball hockey in Yellowknife yesterday.

of this region and the irrepressible spirit of adventure that marks the people of the territories and defines the land. We are so excited to be here."

The crowd roared its approval as he concluded with a thank you in the Dene tongue.

N.W.T. Premier Floyd Roland joked about the rainy weather that marred the couple's arrival in the territory the day before. The clouds had parted and

it was sunny yesterday.

"We have made every effort to mark your visit today with a full representation of our territory's finest," Roland said. "We even called on some powerful people to change the weather for us from yesterday's arrival."

Today, the couple plans to stop in the fire-damaged Alberta town of Slave Lake before a 24-hour private break at an undisclosed location. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Indian minister denies homophobic remark

India's health minister derided homosexuality as an unnatural "disease" from the West at an HIV/AIDS conference, drawing outrage yesterday from a UN

official and activists who said the comments set back campaigns for gay rights and against HIV. Ghulam Nabi Azad said he was misquoted. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Penguin mystery solved

It's a boy.

DNA results are back for the emperor penguin nicknamed Happy Feet

found on a New Zealand beach two weeks ago.

Wellington Zoo spokeswoman Kate Baker says the penguin's sex was identified from cells scraped from his feathers. Male and female emperor penguins outwardly appear identical.

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Canadian troops hand battlefield to U.S. units

Canada's desert war effectively came to an end yesterday when soldiers of the Royal 22e Regiment formally handed over their battlefield to American units and

began to take stock of years of bloody combat.

Almost all Canadian troops are now out of the killing fields of Kandahar.

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► Ray Tanguay, centre, chairman of Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada, speaks with Kitchener Centre MPP John Milloy, left, and Gary Goodyear, minister of state for science and technology, following a press conference in Cambridge, Ont., yesterday.

Toyota to receive government cash

► Money will be used to upgrade aging Ontario plants

Two Toyota plants in Ontario will receive a \$545-million injection from the automaker and the federal and provincial governments to give the aging facilities an environmentally friendly makeover.

Ontario will provide a \$70.8-million grant and the federal government will match that amount in the form of a repayable loan to Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada Inc. for plant upgrades in Cambridge and Woodstock.

"(This money) is very important because it al-

lows us to give these initiatives priority and helps to secure our production footprint in Canada," said Ray Tanguay, chairman of Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada.

The round of upgrades will support production of cleaner, more fuel-efficient vehicles at Toyota's Ontario plants. The automaker will use part of the money to upgrade the paint shop at its Cambridge North plant. The company plans to convert its base-coat paints from a

water-based system to reduce emissions.





It will also make other plant upgrades, including new machinery and equipment, and employee training. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Bombardier cuts U.K. workforce

Montreal-based Bombardier announced plans yesterday to cut nearly half of the workforce at its plant in central England after it lost a contract to German rival Siemens. It will lay off about 446 permanent staff and 983 temporary hires.

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If you go out in the woods today, you could be in for a big surprise. You could see some bares.

That has already occurred in Ontario's cottage country,

where a Bracebridge man is in court arguing it's OK to go for a walk in the park or turn up at the A&W drive-thru without any clothes on.

Brian Coldin, whose very name induces shrinkage, is a self-declared Christian naturist. He believes the

section of the Criminal Code governing nudity violates the constitution. And he has some high-priced legal talent on his side, including the fully and handsomely attired Clayton Ruby.

My favourite moment in the trial to date came when the fast-food clerk who took Coldin's order was driven to tears as she testified she could see his genitals during the incident. It's simply something they don't tell you at Burger University. ("Be sure to ask if he wants fries with that.")

This is not the first time Naked Man has been in trouble with the law — he says he has been picked up by the (long-suffering) police more than 200 times. And he still doesn't have the sense to cover himself. He thinks the police are trying to prevent him from practising his Christian naturist beliefs. I thought Christ was a scientist, not a nudist. I must be confused.

While section 174 of the Criminal Code could probably use an overhaul — theoretically, if you get caught coming out of the shower in your own home after for-

getting to pull the curtains, you could get busted — imagine if Coldin wins and every Tom, er, Dick and Harry who wants to let it all hang out can and does.

It's not a pretty picture. You can bet that most people compelled to make a spectacle of themselves will be near-sighted. Really good-looking people are rarely inclined to take it all off at the A&W. Probably because it might cause nearby Christian naturists to join in the fun.

Of course, Naked Man enjoys the support of the president of the Federation of Canadian Naturists, who points out that casual nudity should not be in the same league as "theft, robbery, assault and murder." Well, maybe not murder.

But they're asking the wrong people. Whose rights are really in peril here? People who want to ride the bus naked? Or the rest of us who will be forced to bare witness to their folly?

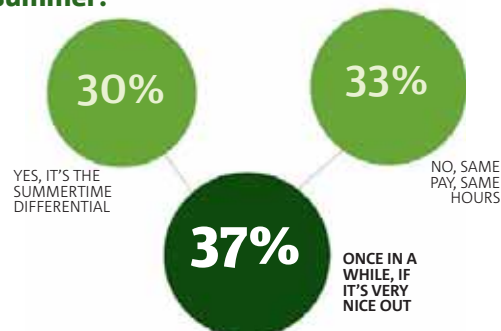
Stand up and be counted. And just make sure your pants stand up along with you.

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsaying



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Is it OK to leave work early in the summer?



Local tweets



► @lauriecburns: There are a lot of men walking

around Halifax with no shirts on. I just think you should only take your shirt off when swimming/at home/etc!

► @BiscuitGeneral: Someone poured OIL on our beautiful veg & flower garden @BiscuitGeneral. Why? We're trying to make Hali prettier, & you're breakin my heart

► @vdewolfe: An axe attack downtown, seriously Halifax!

► @kingperry: Blame it on

the seawater? RT @vdewolfe An axe attack downtown, seriously Halifax!

► @huskermould: does anyone remember the Queen tune "sheer axe attack?" #halifax

► @novascotiarasta: Sometimes I whip out thin gardening gloves from my pocket, & pick up the trash you left for me to find on my walk around #Halifax.

► @suzannechantal: Having a picnic and reading at the #commons! What a day — now if only I had a sprinkler to run thru ... #halifax

Worth mentioning

OTTAWA. A new study suggests more than one-quarter of the 7.5 million eligible voters who did not cast a ballot in the May 2 federal election said they did not do so because they were not interested in voting.

Statistics Canada found another 23 per cent of the non-voters it surveyed said they were too busy to vote.

The most common response for not having voted, that people were "not interested in voting" (28 per cent), also includes feeling their vote would not have made a difference in the election results.

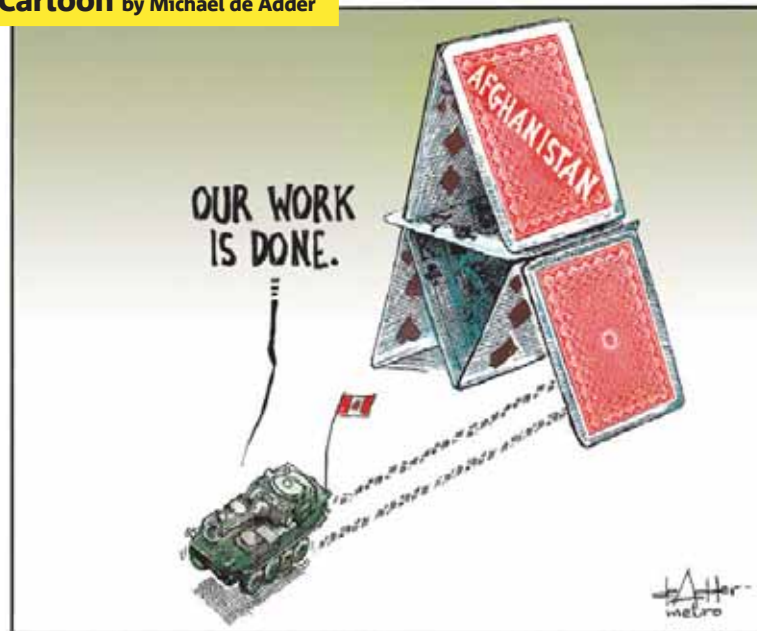
The 23 per cent who said they were "too busy," includes having family obligations or having a schedule conflict at work or school.

Another 10 per cent told Statistics Canada they were out of town or away, while eight per cent reported they did not like the candidates or campaign issues.

Roughly four per cent said they forgot to vote, while a little more than one per cent said they did not vote because of religious beliefs.

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Cartoon by Michael de Adder



WEIRD NEWS

Free Tickle Me Elmo to those who visit spa

At Cosquillarte spa in Madrid, Spain, customers strip, head to the treatment room and get ready to relax. That's when the staff take out the feathers — and tickle.

Cosquillarte, which translates both as Tickle Yourself and Tickle Art, is a tickle spa. No massages, no facials, no hot rocks — just tickles.

And while those traumatized by cruel uncles or playground pokes

may not be enamoured with the idea, regulars insist a half-hour tickle session is actually relaxing.

Isabel Aires, the PR expert behind the spa, has been addicted to tickles since childhood.

And it seems there are a number of tickle addicts out there ready to give the service a try.

Customers aren't subjected to harsh pokes or grabs to their armpits and rib cages. Instead, the therapy consists of light strokes of the hand, feathers and a hat made up of light, protruding fibres that lightly brush against the skin.

A 15-minute tickle session costs \$21; whereas 60 minutes will set you back \$63.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



► Don Hall, left Craig Ferguson and Stephen J. Anderson star as the voices in Winnie the Pooh.

Adding a touch of sophistication to Owl

► Craig Ferguson shakes off his funny man persona to play the stuff, pompous character in the new Winnie the Pooh movie ► He speaks to Metro about the role and the Late, Late Show



When he's not keeping night-owls entertained hosting the Late Late Show, Craig Ferguson has been sneaking into recording studios to lend his vocal talents to several animated projects, including last year's surprise hit *How to Train Your Dragon* and next summer's Pixar release, *Brave*.

This year, Ferguson takes on a classic as Owl in Disney's new version of *Winnie the Pooh*.

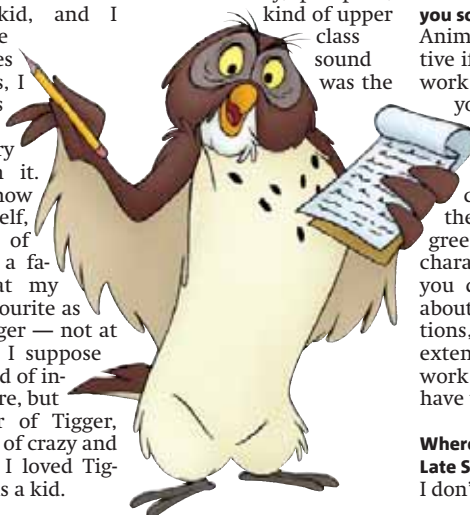
The hard-working Scotsman spoke with Metro about growing up on Pooh, finding Owl's voice and the future of his TV gig.

Were you already a fan of Winnie the Pooh?

Oh yeah, of course. I knew the stuff. The books were read to me when I was a very little kid, and I watched the Disney movies and TV shows, I remember, as a child. So yeah, I'm very familiar with it. And I've got now two kids myself, so the figure of Pooh Bear is a familiar one at my house. My favourite as a kid was Tigger — not at all Owl, who I suppose radiated a kind of intellectual figure, but the character of Tigger, who was kind of crazy and unrestrained. I loved Tigger when I was a kid.

You're not your usual Scottish self as Owl.

I think that we all felt that an English and a sort of kind of stuffy, pompous, kind of upper class sound was the



most appropriate.

You've done a great deal of voice work for animation. What about it appeals to you so much?

Animation is very attractive if you're in my line of work because, you know, you're not limited by your own physical appearance, clearly. You're the voice of a character and kind of the personality to a degree, but you're not the character's appearance. So you don't have to worry about your physical limitations, right down to the extent of when you go to work that day you don't have to shave.

Where do you see the Late Late Show going?

I don't know. I think that's

a fair question, and it's something I've been asking myself recently.

I mean, I've been doing it since January 2005, so I guess it will be coming up on seven years.

I don't know how much I can do with it or where I'm going to take it.

I'll do it for a little while longer, but I really don't know how it's going to play out.

I like keeping it as loose as possible. I think that's what makes our show different — it's a very, very informal, intimate kind of non-structure or deconstructed type of a show.

So I'd like to make sure that we're doing that and keeping it friendly and available to the people who enjoy it — and continue to enjoy it myself.

Charlie Sheen



There should be no shortage of material. Comedy Central said yesterday that Charlie Sheen has agreed to be the subject of its next celebrity roast. It will be taped in Los Angeles and air on Sept. 19. That also happens to be the same night that Ashton Kutcher debuts as Sheen's replacement in the CBS comedy *Two and a Half Men*. Sheen was thrown off the show after his hard partying forced a production shutdown.

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Members of Cali Swag District are brought low from 'Dougie' fame by killing of lead dancer

Celebrity tweets



Today, we get deep thoughts from a famous author, a famous music producer and a famous singer who supposedly split up the Beatles.



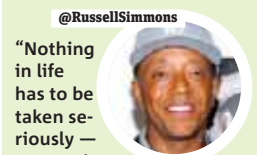
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"All people who come to us are angels in disguise carrying messages from The Universe"

"The kids I hang with are gonna be parents one day...scary."



@Drakkardnoir (Drizzy Drake):



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"Nothing in life has to be taken seriously — except the joy of life." — Maharishi

"Kiss slowly, laugh insanely, live truly, and forgive quickly."



@PauloCoelho

Half of Milli Vanilli returns?

The New Kids on the Block made a comeback. Prince is still around. The Transformers rule the box office.

So is the world ready for another nostalgic throwback? Is the world ready for...Vanilli?

One half of the disgraced Milli Vanilli is rumoured to be making a solo comeback.

According to TMZ, Eminem's DJ The Alchemist said: "I'm working on a joint with Vanilli ... Vanilli making a comeback."

Will there be lip sync-



► Fabrice Morvan, formerly of Milli Vanilli, in 2005.

ing? The DJ tells the site: "It's real s— dude."

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Potter's class graduates with no child-actor breakdowns

- Despite their fame, they've grown up smart, polite and professional
- Young stars have not leapt into the party-till-dawn celebrity lifestyle

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If the young cast of the Harry Potter films received report cards for their school days at Hogwarts, they'd all probably earn the notation, "plays well with others."

Cast as impressionable children in Hollywood's biggest fantasy franchise, Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Rupert Grint and their many young co-stars have manoeuvred through 11 years of fame — and the temptations it brings — without any whispers of Lindsay Lohan-style meltdowns that can derail child actors.

"It's very different doing it in England," said Radcliffe. "In America, you're treated as an actor



► Daniel Radcliffe, left, Emma Watson and Rupert Grint at the premiere of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 1 at Alice Tully Hall on November 15, 2010 in New York City.

first and a kid second. Here, you're very much treated as a kid first and an actor second. In fact,

you're not really treated as an actor. You're treated as a kid on a film set, which is how it should be, because

that's all you are at that point. No one's an actor at 12."

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Biebs forgets cash on ice-cream date

You know what tastes better than ice cream? Eating ice cream with Justin Bieber.

The Canadian superstar and his girlfriend, actress and singer Selena Gomez, were seen in the New York beach town The Hamptons over the week-

end, shopping for beachwear and buying snacks, according to People magazine.

A source told the magazine that he kept calling her babe.

And when caught without cash, a customer paid for their ice cream.

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► Young love: Selena Gomez and Justin Bieber



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► Orlando's Discovery Cove offers fun for the whole family ► Interact with dolphins and snorkel among tropical fish ► Check out the newest addition to the park — the Grand Reef



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"Mommy! Look! A sting ray!" Normally, I would jump on my feet and promptly extract my child from the water, but here at the Grand Reef I encouraged him to dive in and chase the gracious one-meter-wide fish.

Spending a day at Discovery Cove in Orlando is plunging into a whole new world. Diving into the blue. A cure to urbanitis. Here, you stroll in lush landscapes on a 30-acre tropical oasis and encounter exotic sealife.

After swimming and interacting with a bottlenose dolphin named Tyler in one of the several lagoons on the property, my children and I went to a new addition to the park, opened on June 11, called the Grand Reef.

My two-year-old daughter laughed as she paddled in the shallow water among scholar fish while my two boys kept busy chasing big rays among the artificial and colourful reefs. Joining the excitement, I went snorkelling in deeper water among hundreds of tropical fish and ventured close to a glass wall behind which reef sharks and lionfish stared unblinkingly at me.

While sharing with my children the exhilaration of flirting with sealife, I observed visitors embarking

What to do

Besides the sealife, you can also relax and sunbathe on one of several white-sand beaches, build sandcastles with your little ones or hand-feed an extraordinary variety of exotic birds in the aviary.

Discovery Cove also offers the opportunity to be a dolphin trainer for a day or have a dolphin play a special role in your marriage proposal or on your birthday. Professional photographers are available to make your memories of the day last forever.

Let yourself be tempted by a souvenir from one of the Discovery Cove giftshops. From a unique piece of jewelry or artwork featuring marine themes to stuffed animals, clothing and framed photos, bring your memories home.

on another journey: The Seaventure. Geared up with diving helmets and special swimsuits, they would venture on the seafloor of the Grand Reef for an up-close encounter with the ocean's flora and fauna.

Before my jolly troop surrendered to fatigue, I took them down the gentle current of a lazy river that travels through the park. We ended up our day unwinding while observing exotic birds flying gracefully above our heads.



FLICKR: FOGUS

► Snorkel among hundreds of tropical fish at the Grand Reef.



FLICKR: WENDY PIERALL

► Interact with dolphins at Discovery Cove.

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Your full day at Discovery Cove includes meals, snacks and beverages, as well as towels, wetsuits and swim gear, plus a pass for unlimited admission to SeaWorld or Aquatica in Orlando or Busch Gardens in Tampa to be used surrounding a Discovery Cove visit (extra for the dolphin's encounter and Seaventure).

► For more information, visit discoverycove.com.

Beach etiquette



As people head to the pool or beach this summer, they might want to spare a thought for matters of etiquette. Blasting loud music is a no-no. It emerged as the most annoying etiquette violation in a recent TripAdvisor survey. Littering and public intoxication were also deplored at the beach, while chair hogging and smoking were given the thumbs-down at the pool.

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How to build a super sand castle

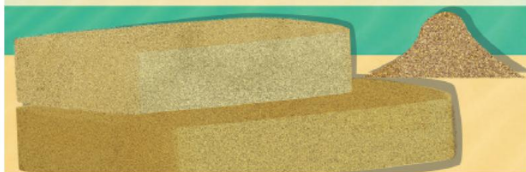
- ▶ This summer, impress friends and strangers alike by building an imaginative and awe-inspiring sand castle
- ▶ Metro speaks with Leonard Gonzales, a U.S. championship-winning sand castle creator, for some trade secrets

TEXT: ELIZABETH WOLFE • ILLUSTRATION: MIA KORAB

- 1** Bonafide sand castle builders should already have a plan beforehand. With this in mind, once you hit the sand, build a massive base mixed with foreign soils (mud, grass, anything!) to create strong cohesion.



- 2** Add wet sand one layer at a time, packing it tightly as you go.

**3**

Once you've amassed enough sand for your dream castle, start at the top and begin carving out the details. "Small details are often more astonishing than massive structures," Gonzales said. "Apply finishes such as tile roofs or a pebble design to the facade."

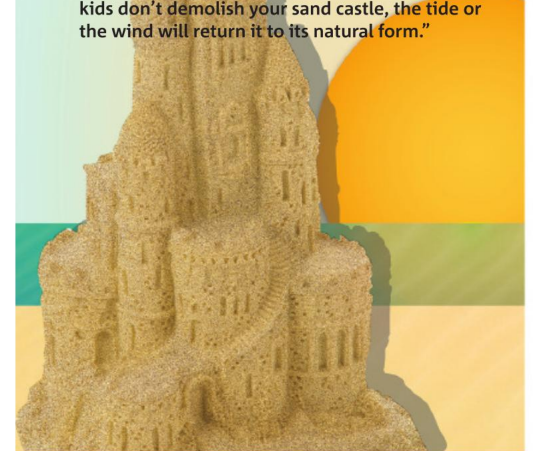


"Be sure to wear plenty of sunscreen and drink lots of water as building a big sand castle is very labour-intensive!"

CHAMPIONSHIP-WINNING SAND CASTLE
CREATOR LEONARD GONZALES

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Before the weather can ravage your creation, make sure to snap some photos. After all your hard work, take time to boast about being the reigning sand castle champ of whatever beach you're on. Remember, time is of the essence: "If kids don't demolish your sand castle, the tide or the wind will return it to its natural form."



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Put a summer spin on your favourite pick-me-up drink

► These recipes cool down (and kick up) coffee ► Popularity of ice coffee is increasing

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Shopping list:

Coffee Bananas Foster Smoothie

- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) strong brewed coffee, chilled
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) cinnamon
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) dark brown sugar
- 2 small ripe bananas
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) vanilla yogurt
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) fat-free half-and-half
- 250 ml (1 cup) ice cubes

Parlour Coffee Float

- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) strong brewed coffee, chilled
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) chocolate syrup
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) half-and-half
- 250 ml (1 cup) chocolate or coffee ice cream
- Whipped cream, to serve
- Maraschino cherries

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Coffee Bananas Foster Smoothie



► Both of these drinks are made in under 10 minutes.

Preparation:

- 1 In a blender, combine all ingredients. Blend until smooth and frothy.

Parlour Coffee Float

Preparation:

- 1 In a blender, combine coffee, chocolate syrup, half-and-half and half of the ice cream. Blend until smooth and frothy. Pour into 2 tall glasses and top with a scoop of the remaining ice cream. Top with



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Last summer, I applied to numerous positions in hospitals and clinics, and went to many interviews.

Most of the interviewers told me, after I did not receive the job, that I was not chosen because I lacked previous experience.

I was frustrated because the application had not specified that previous experience in the field was mandatory.

I wasted a lot of effort applying and interviewing for these jobs, which did not want me, when I could have been focusing on jobs where I had a chance.

As a result, I did not find a medicine-related job and eventually I took a cashier job instead.

I began to wonder where the people who were actually hired for these jobs had gotten their previous work experience.



► Emily Fraser believes that employers should be as clear as possible about the previous experience applicants require to get a shot at a position.

It's frustrating that in order to get jobs that give you a great experience opportunity, you have to al-

ready have a lot of work experience in the same field. I mean, you have to start somewhere.

I wish there was a place that listed jobs that offer great experience opportunities in various fields, where no real previous experience in the field is mandatory.

Or, at the very least, I wish the employers that do require previous work

experience in their field would specify on the application so I would no longer waste their time and my own.

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Where Emily is now

I just completed my second year of a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry at Acadia University. I am happy to say that this year I was much more fortunate with my job hunt. After a great deal of hard work, I found a summer job as a research assistant in a lab.

I'm confident that this job will give me the experience I need in the field I am so interested in.

I also volunteer at a local nursing home and with Best Buddies Canada, an organization that pairs students in a one-on-one friendship with members of the community with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

These positions are hugely rewarding and they give me the experience I was looking for when applying to hospital jobs.

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Former Moose Delmas signs with Habs

Peter Delmas's patience has paid off.

The Bedford native and former Halifax Mooseheads goaltender signed a three-year entry-level contract with the Montreal Canadiens yesterday after spending last season bouncing around the minor leagues.

Delmas, who left the

Mooseheads for his final year of major-junior eligibility under the advisement of the Canadiens, played in the American Hockey League, East Coast Hockey League and Central Hockey League last season on a minor-league contract.

The 21-year-old spent the bulk of his time with

the ECHL's Wheeling Nailers, going 15-6-2 with a 2.03 goals-against average and a .928 save percentage.

He battled groin problems in his final two QMJHL seasons after being drafted in the second round, 61st overall, by the Colorado Avalanche in 2008. The Avalanche opted not to sign him by the June

1, 2010, deadline, making him a free agent.

Delmas is the fourth goaltender under contract with the Canadiens, joining NHLers Carey Price and Peter Budaj and farm-hand Robert Mayer. He'll compete with Mayer for AHL minutes with the Hamilton Bulldogs in 2011-12. ● MATTHEW WUEST



Peter Delmas

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Nova Scotia's 400-m phenoms

► Aileen Meagher Track Classic set for Sunday at 6:30 p.m.



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Nova Scotia track fans are in for a treat on Sunday.

Not only is the 18th annual Aileen Meagher Track Classic at Huskies Stadium expected to boast one of its strongest fields ever as part of the new National Track League, the women's 400 metres will also feature the first- and second-ranked Canadians — and they're both Bluesosers.

The 1-2 ranking, featuring Bridgewater's Jenna Martin and Halifax's Adrienne Power, is a first for the province in any event.

"We're the top-two girls in the 400 and we're from Nova Scotia — it's major, it's major for the sport," said Power yesterday. "You're going to see a lot more little girls coming out of Nova Scotia, being sprinters, as a result of me and Jenna, and that's what needs to happen."

Martin is the Canadian 400-metre champion after bettering Power at nation-

als in Calgary on June 25. Power, meanwhile, is coming off a win at the Victoria International Track Classic this past Sunday.

The event, which features \$13,000 in prize money, will also welcome Californian Olympic hopeful Keshia Baker, whose 51.61-second personal-best makes her the unofficial favourite.

"This is definitely what we need," said Martin, who is an NCAA star with the Kentucky Wildcats. "I use faster runners to push me and push me to a better time. This is a great opportunity for us."

Both Martin and Power are thrilled to have the NTL in their own backyard, and are using the series to prepare for the 2012 Summer Olympic Games in London.

"We normally have to go over to Europe to have this opportunity," Martin said. "Having it in Canada, with competition from the U.S. and all over, will make us better and faster. It's going to be great."



► Nova Scotians Adrienne Power, left, and Jenna Martin are the top-ranked women's 400-metre sprinters in Canada and will go head to head on Sunday at Huskies Stadium.

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Carter vying for five at Truro

CAPE BRETON POST

The Nova Scotia Golf Association amateur championship gets underway today at the Truro Golf Club.

The four-day event features Dundee's Leon Carter, a four-time amateur champion who is coming off a win at the mid-amateur in Bridgewater, and Ken-Wo's Sam Holland, the tourna-



► Leon Carter

ment's 2009 champion.

Another win for Carter

would make him just the third five-time champion in Nova Scotia history alongside Paragon's Gerry MacMillan and Ashburn's Eddie Crowell.

The top-three finishers will qualify for the Willingdon Cup national championship, which is being held in Winnipeg from Aug. 9 to 14. ● MATTHEW WUEST

Sports in brief

Pujols healthy a month early

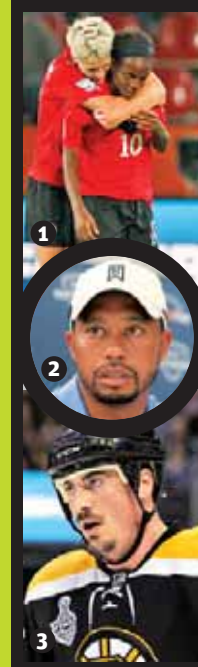
MLB. Three-time NL MVP Albert Pujols was activated by the St. Louis Cardinals yesterday — a month ahead of schedule — after breaking his left wrist on June 19. He is expected to

play tonight against the Reds. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jets land Ladd

NHL. The Winnipeg Jets signed forward Andrew Ladd to a \$22-million, five-year deal yesterday. The former Thrashers captain and the Jets came to an agreement just hours before he was expected to file for salary arbitration. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports in brief



1 Canada lost 1-0 to Nigeria in its final match at the women's World Cup yesterday.

2 Tiger Woods announced on his website that he won't play in the British Open as his left leg continues to heal.

3 The Carolina Hurricanes have agreed to terms on a three-year contract with defenceman Tomas Kaberle. He will earn an average of \$4.25 million US per season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Design

The brand new sheetmetal that has been sculpted for both Impreza sedan and wagon models does not extend to the Impreza-based (and rally-inspired) WRX/STI lineup, which were updated separately for the 2011 model year.

That being said, base Imprezas now feature the kind of bolder, broad-shouldered flared-fender styling that's similar to that of the WRX.

As well, the front and rear clip and sedan roofline are reminiscent of the larger Legacy.

Trim levels

Subaru will likely introduce no fewer than four distinct trim levels and bulk up the base version with air conditioning, tilt/telescoping steering wheel, remote keyless entry plus the usual power-operated controls.

From there the sky's the limit, topping out with the Limited wagon model with leather seats, unique 17-inch alloy wheels and a premium audio package, to name just a few of the potential highlights.

Engine

The Impreza's engine displaces 2.0 litres and generates 148 horsepower. Compare that with the previous model's 170-horsepower 2.5-litre four-cylinder. Despite the engine's obvious drop in power, Subaru claims that the 2.0 will still provide lively performance due to reduced vehicle weight.

The biggest improvement, though, is the anticipated 30-per-cent improvement in overall fuel economy, estimated to be 8.7 l/100 km in the city and 6.5 on the highway. This is competitive with the class leaders, despite the fact that the Impreza is all-wheel-drive.



► Fuel economy might be up by a projected 30 per cent, but that comes at the expense of power. The new 2.0-litre four-cylinder makes 148 horsepower, while the outgoing 2.5 made 170. However, that seems like a more-than-fair trade off.

A gas sipper that's AWD

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What? An all-wheel-drive vehicle that's easy on gas? Quite right.

Subaru's least expensive model has been treated to a major makeover and will emerge this fall as a genuine fuel-sipping compact.

Through good economic times and bad, the Japan-based automaker's sales chart consistently points upward as more buyers become convinced that all-wheel-drive is the way to go. For Subaru, this method of propulsion is quite literally the only way to go since it's standard on every vehicle the company sells.

But there's no time for

laurel-resting here.

Sure, the sales figures don't lie, but the fact is that while Subaru's Legacy sedan and its Outback and Forester wagons have been flying off the shelves, the Impreza's popularity has not been quite so dramatic.

The problems are two-fold: the car's underwhelming styling combined with a powerplant that burns through more gasoline than most compact car shoppers are prepared to accept.

All that is about to change once the 2012 Impreza hits the streets.

A new look, pump-passing fuel economy, plus the advantage of all-wheel-drive should give the Impreza a shot of newfound popularity.



► A classy cabin awaits Subaru shoppers, but you'll notice that there's not a lot of room behind the back seat. On the upside, the rear seat can be folded flat for sliding in larger boxes.



► A look at the Impreza's dash.

Subaru Impreza



What you should know about the 2012 Subaru Impreza:

- **Types:** Four-door, all-wheel-drive compact sedan and wagon.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.0-litre DOHC H4 (148).
- **Transmission:** Five-speed manual; continuously variable (opt.).
- **Market position:** Subaru resolutely stands alone in equipping its entire North American vehicle lineup with all-wheel-drive. It's a position that has helped the automaker maintain steady sales growth.
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 8.7/6.5 (est., CVT).

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► **XC90 3.2 should prove cheapest to run as a used SUV buy**

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What's the 4-1-1

- **Model:** 2003 to 2010 Volvo XC90
- **Vehicle type:** SUV

The XC90 was Volvo's shot at machines like the Mercedes ML, Audi Q7 and Acura MDX. A premium four-wheel drive SUV, it boasted uniquely rugged styling, available V8 power, and a long-lived reputation for safety and occupant protection.

At launch in 2003, two turbocharged engines were available — namely a 2.5-litre turbo five-cylinder engine with 208 horsepower, or a 2.9-litre turbocharged straight six with 268. Look for a five-speed automatic

and AWD with both engines.

A 3.2-litre straight-six with 235 horsepower was also available in later years, fitted with a six-speed automatic, and a 4.4-litre, 311-horsepower V8 engine was added to the lineup later in the XC90's life.

Look for the XC90 in five or seven-seat configurations, and with features like heated leather, premium audio, a sunroof, self-dimming rearview mirror, keyless engine start, heated mirrors, bi-xenon lights and



► 2009 Volvo XC90 V8 R-Design

plenty more.

What Owners Like

XC90 owners typically rave about sport-sedan road manners, smooth and refined performance, and a safe and stable road feel with plenty of traction in virtually any condition.

Performance with the V8 engine is also highly rated.

Common Issues

Start your XC90 test drive with an inspection of the interior, ensuring all elec-

tronics work as expected, and that no trim pieces are missing or broken. Check for proper operation from the stereo and climate control system.

A full check-over by a Volvo-trained mechanic is also advised. Have said mechanic check for excessive tire and brake wear, the condition of the suspension system, and for any fluid leaks from the engine, transmission, transfer case

or differentials.

Note that well-documented transmission failure issues with the T6-powered models should be considered when shopping for a used XC90. Where possible, avoid a used XC90 with the T6 engine.

Higher-mileage turbocharged XC90s should be checked for turbocharger condition by a mechanic or mechanically-inclined

friend. A turbocharger replacement will run into the thousands of dollars, so avoid any XC90 that smokes at startup or under hard acceleration, and be sure to check inside the "charge pipe" coming out of the turbocharger for pooling oil. Where maintenance is concerned, the XC90's naturally-aspirated 3.2-litre engine will likely be the cheapest to run.

The Verdict

Comfort, styling, capability and safety will be the most compelling reasons to check out an XC90 as a used buy. Major issues are well documented, and shoppers avoiding the T6-powered model can likely expect a relatively affordable used premium SUV ownership experience.



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Improving society improves road safety

Living in a tight-knit community has several advantages, but here's one you may not have considered: you're less likely to be killed in a car crash.

It's a benefit of "social capital," according to Matthew Nagler, associate professor of economics at the City College of New York, who says that public policies that strengthen communities could reduce traffic deaths.

"Social capital describes

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the strength of connections that people have with each other in a community," Dr. Nagler says.

"It's connected with a number of important outcomes, such as health, lower rates of teen

pregnancies, drugs and alcohol, and economic prosperity. It's like (monetary) capital but with people invested in the community."

The idea started in 2000 with an article in a French newspaper.

"The piece said that we in France are just disastrous, people have no tolerance, we cut each other off, we're rude to each other and we have a lot of fatalities, but people are more courteous in Scandinavia

and have a lower rate of fatalities," Dr. Nagler says.

While the article was simply an opinion piece, it caught the eye of John Heliwell, a professor at the University of British Columbia, who did a short study and found fewer traffic fatalities in countries where survey respondents said other people could be trusted.

Dr. Nagler took this study to the next step.

He used over 10 years of data from 48 U.S. states, ac-

counting for variables such as alcohol consumption and driver age.

He found that, in states and in years with higher levels of social capital, there are lower rates of traffic incidents.

"It largely has to do with courtesy and the way people behave when they feel they can trust other people on the road," Dr. Nagler says.

"If drivers feel that they relate more to other peo-

ple, they'll yield at intersections, they'll wave, they'll be more polite, and that translates into greater safety. If you don't trust other drivers, you're more likely to cut them off, speed up and try to get to an intersection first, and you'll see higher rates of accidents.

"I'm able to conclusively argue that it's not just a correlation, but it really is the degree of social capital that is responsible for the safety outcomes."

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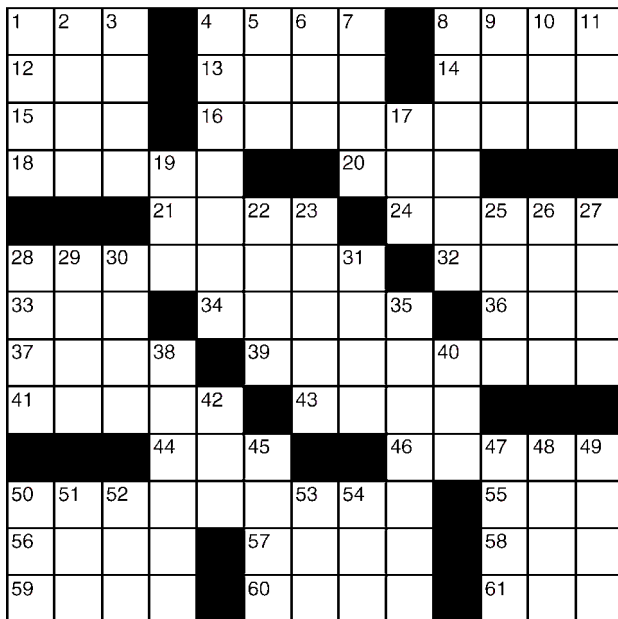
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14 "Yo— and a ..."
15 Shelter
16 Sinatra classic
18 Decorator's theme
20 "A mouse!"
21 Castle protection
24 Mediterranean sailing ship
28 One's hands and knees
32 Limping
33 Conk out
34 Loses moisture
36 Auction offer
37 Colorless
39 Sane
41 "— alive!"
43 Zhivago's love
44 Dandy
46 Standard
50 "Get on the train!"
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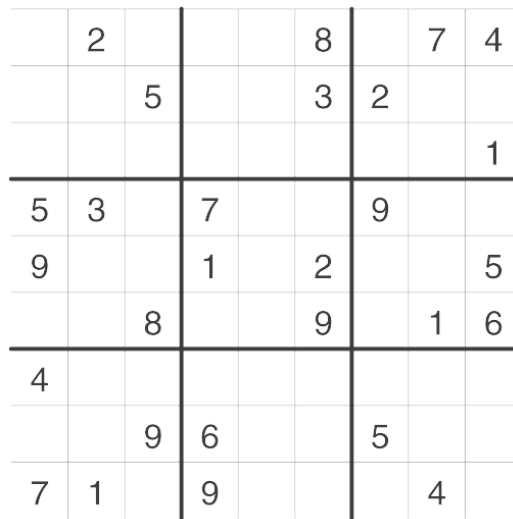


- 7 Be too fond
8 Israeli money
9 "Holy mackerell!"
10 "Eureka!"
11 Lad
17 Whammy
19 Global currency org.
22 Emanation
23 Vibrato
25 Infant
26 Eastern potentate
27 Relinquish
28 Does arithmetic
29 Old Italian coin
30 Secrecy thwarter
31 Actress Ward
35 Fruit pastry
38 Happen to
40 Owns
42 Weep loudly
45 Ralph Lauren label
47 Secondhand
48 Bit of plankton
49 Rhone city
50 Mimic
51 Allow
52 Meadow
53 Melody
54 Genetic stuff

► Yesterday's answer



Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

4	7	2	5	9	1	6	3	8
6	5	1	2	8	3	9	7	4
3	8	9	7	6	4	5	2	1
5	9	4	1	7	2	8	6	3
1	2	6	9	3	8	7	4	5
7	3	8	6	4	5	2	1	9
8	1	5	3	2	7	4	9	6
9	4	7	8	1	6	3	5	2
2	6	3	4	5	9	1	8	7

Yesterday's answer ►

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*SweetHon,
Remember u being in
kitchen n i keep looking at
u. why r u so beautiful. the
way u talk, smile, look at
me..everything bout u i
miss. say hi to ma. take care
of yourself4 me pl. u look
good when smile..love u as
there is no tomorrow. hon
kiss n hugs4 u:))*
KISSINGUNMISSINGU

*Mr.Bummie,
I know that these past few
days have been really tough
for you. I hope that all will
get better and that you will
soon smile without stress. I
love you dearly and I hope
to see you soon, bummie. :)*
MS. BUMMIE

*Sneesh,
To you too sweetie..u r still
awake 2:30? We will wish
tomorrow...like there is no
end. Many more to come.*
XOXO HAPPY ANNIV

Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20
Others must be made to understand that you won't always be there to catch them when they fall.
♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 If you say bad things about someone today, you will regret it tomorrow.
♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 If you discover something about a friend that could be embarrassing, make sure you keep it to yourself.
♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Think before you act today — then think again to make sure you are not fooling yourself.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 Today, more than most days, you will have to lead from the front. As always, you will do it so well.
♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 It may be easy to find fault with people. But today, give partners and colleagues the benefit of the doubt.
♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You may think you have to be decisive, but even a Libra is entitled to a day off.
♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 What you think of as serious today won't seem remotely important tomorrow, so don't get worked up.

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♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21
Make sure you got your finger on the pulse and move with the times.
♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
You may be feeling down but that's perfectly natural. The next 24 hours will bring some cheerful news.
♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Let partners and loved ones know how much they mean. You're good with words and that'll be enough.
♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 You don't give up easily so don't let someone talk you out of project too soon. **● SALLY BROMPTON**

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